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SUBJECT: COFFEE -- MEETING OF THE ICO EXECUTIVE BOARD,
JANUARY 23-27

REF: LONDON 1549

1. SUMMARY. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION (ICO) MET IN LONDON, JANUARY 23-27, CONCURRENTLY WITH THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STUDY GROUP ON STOCKS (REFTEL). WITH SESSIONS FIT IN AT ODD TIMES DURING THE WEEK AND A ROUTINE AGENDA, DELIBERATIONS TENDED TO BE DISJOINTED. A NUMBER OF NEW STATISTICAL DOCUMENTS WERE ISSUED, AND OLD ARGUMENTS ON SUPPLY ESTIMATES WERE TRUNDLED OUT -- PARTICULARLY BY COLOMBIA AND EL SALVADOR. WHILE NO SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS WERE TAKEN, MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS TABLED DESERVE CLOSE STUDY' END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR ITEMS COVERED BY THE BOARD WERE:

(A) STATISTICAL. A NUMBER OF NEW STATISTICAL DOCUMENTS WERE NOTED BY THE BOARD:

-- SB/8 REV. 2 ON PRICES. UNEXCEPTIONAL IN ITSELF, THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINED PROVISIONAL DATA FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN A LATER ISSUE OF THE NEW "QUARTERLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATISTICAL BULLETIN ON COFFEE" SERIES. THIS LED TO A ROUND-ROBIN DISCUSSION OF THE BULLETIN ITSELF, HOW DATA MIGHT BE MISLEADING (READ, "WORK AGAINST MY POSITION"), HOW PRESENTATION MIGHT BE IMPROVED, AND DISTRIBUTION. OAMCAF AGAIN WARNED AGAINST PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION BUT WAS REMINDED THAT IN DECEMBER THE BOARD HAD DECIDED IN FAVOR OF RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC. THE FIRST TWO VOLUMES (JANUARY-MARCH AND APRIL-JUNE, 1977) WERE RELEASED TO THE PRESS ON JANUARY 30.

-- WP BOARD NO. 180/78 ON QUOTA INTRODUCTION. THIS WAS A HYPOTHETICAL EXERCISE, UNDERTAKEN BY THE SECRETARIA AT THE REQUEST OF SOME MEMBERS, TO SHOW HOW QUOTAS WOULD BE ALLOTTED ON THE BASIS OF DATA ACCUMULATED SO FAR UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THERE WAS LITTLE DEBATE ON THE DOCUMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED WITH NO TIME FOR PRIOR EXAMINATION. THIS DOCUMENT WILL PROBABLY BE EXAMINED MORE CLOSELY AT A LATER MEETING.

-- WP BOARD NO. 181/78 AND 181/78 ADD.1, CURRENT SITUATION OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND. AN UPDATE OF EB-1560/77, CIRCULATED TO THE BOARD LAST SEPTEMBER, THIS DOCUMENT WAS ALSO ISSUED ON THE EVE OF THE MEETING, WITHOUT

TIME FOR STUDY. DEBATE CENTERED ON TABLES RATHER
THAN TEXT, WITH COLOMBIA (SANTOS) AND EL SALVADOR
(FALLA) PULLING OUT OLD ARGUMENTS CONTENDING THAT THE
DATA TENDED TO OVERSTATE THE TRUE SUPPLY SITUATION.
FALLA QUESTIONED THE ACCURACY OF USDA ESTIMATES,
BUT BRAZIL (LIMA) NOTED THAT THE TOTALS IN THE CASE O
USDA AND COUNTRY ESTIMATES, WERE CLOSE, ALTHOUGH TO
SOME EXTENT ON A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BASIS THERE WAS A
OFF-SETTING EFFECT. THE DOCUMENT PROJECTS CHANGES IN
GROSS OPENING STOCKS, EXPORTABLE PRODUCTION, TOTAL AN
NET AVAILABILITY AS FOLLOWS:

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GROSS OPENING STOCKS: 47.5 27.0 30.3

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TOTAL AVAILABILITY: 88.0 78.3 83.1

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(IN MILLION BAGS, GREEN COFFEE. TOTALS ARE ARRIVED AT BY SUMMING FIGURES FOR DIFFERING CROP CYCLES). ON THE DEMAND SIDE, THE PAPER ESTIMATES INCREASE IN EXPORTS OF 2.1 MILLION BAGS TO ALL SOURCES, 1977/78 OVER 1976/77.

(B) VERIFICATION OF STOCKS: REPORTS ON STOCK VERIFICATIONS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30 1977 FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD: NICARAGUA, GHANA, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, GUINEA, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, CAMEROON, INDIA, EL SALVADOR, UGANDA, ZAIRE, TOGO, MEXICO. THESE WERE APPROVED WITH LITTLE DEBATE EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF EL SALVADOR DOCUMENT, TO WHICH FALLA POSED A NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS (BUT HE DID NOT OPPOSE ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD).

(C) CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN: A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS ON THE WORKING OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN SYSTEM WERE SUBMITTED. THESE INDICATED SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN MANY CASES. IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES, THERE HAS BEEN A PROGRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT IN PERFORMANCE, E.G., FOR THE JAN.-MARCH 1977, QUARTER, 13 PERCENT OF CERTIFICATES REMAINED FULLY UNMATCHED 240 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE QUARTER, WHILE IN THE SUCCEEDING QUARTER, ONLY 12 PER-

CENT WERE UNMATCHED 150 DAYS FOLLOWING THE QUARTER' END. IN CONTRAST, ITALY'S RECORD WAS 35 AND 71 PERCENT UNMATCHED, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE TWO PERIODS. THE AVERAGE FOR ALL IMPORTING MEMBERS WAS 18 AND 29 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. OAMCAF, WHOSE TRADE SEEMS TO BE ORIENTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TOWARD THE POORER PERFORMERS, COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT THE WORKING OF THE SYSTEM, BUT MOST OTHERS SEEMED HEARTENED BY SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.

(D) STUDY ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND. A BASIC STUDY ENTITLED, "COFFEE IN KENYA 1977" WAS SUBMITTED, AND THE SECRETAR- IAT PROMISED ADDITIONAL COUNTRY PAPERS SHORTLY. BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA ARE LIKELY TO BE AMONG THE LAST RELEASED, ACCORDING TO THE ICO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, "BECAUSE OF THE SIZE AND COMPLEXITY" OF THE COFFEE INDUSTRY IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

(E) FINANCE. BECAUSE OF RECENT APPRECIATION OF THE POUND, POST ADJUSTMENTS ON THE UN SCALE WERE APPROVED, WITH SIX AND TWO-FIFTHS AUTHORIZED FOR PROFESSIONAL AND HIGHER CATEGORIES, EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 1, 1978. THIS WILL BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN BUDGET.

3. OTHER MATTERS AGREED TO INCLUDED AN ARRANGEMENT BY WHICH THE EEC REPRESENTATIVE WILL SIT WITHOUT PLACARD BESIDE THE DELEGATION OF AN EEC MEMBER (NORMALLY THE COUNTRY WHICH OCCUPIES THE EC PRESIDENCY FOR THAT SIX MONTH PERIOD). HE MAY SPEAK ON MATTERS OF EEC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT. THIS SYSTEM WAS WORKED OUT BY THE CHAIRMAN (FORD, UK) IN CONSULTATION WITH COLOMBIA, BRAZIL AND THE U.S.

4. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 21-24, CONCURRENTLY WITH THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 33.

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